IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	Defendant and Counterclaimant.)	REDACTED PUBLIC VERSION
MINERVA SURGICAL,	INC.,)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
v.)	C.A. No. 15-1031-JFB-SRF
	Plaintiffs and Counterdefendants,)	
HOLOGIC, INC. and CY PRODUCTS, LLC,	TYC SURGICAL)	

DEFENDANT MINERVA SURGICAL, INC.'S MOTION IN LIMINE NO. 6: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENT CONCERNING PRICE EROSION

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Minerva respectfully moves *in limine* under FED. R. EVID. 104, 402, 403, and 803 to preclude Hologic from offering any argument, exhibit, or testimony referring to alleged price erosion as a result of competition from Minerva. After initially asserting price erosion to support its preliminary injunction motion, Hologic has now expressly disclaimed that theory altogether.

Evidence of price erosion therefore lacks required foundation. Further, it is irrelevant and, even if relevant, should be excluded as unfairly prejudicial to Minerva and unnecessarily confusing and delay inducing.

At the outset of this case, Hologic sought a preliminary injunction and asserted price erosion based on declarations from its Chief Operating Officer and its Vice President of Sales as well as anecdotal hearsay. *See* D.I. 16 (Compton Decl. at 3-4); D.I. 19 (Parachek Decl. at 5-6).





Despite disclaiming this theory of damages, it appears Hologic nevertheless intends to introduce evidence of price erosion at trial, including excerpts from Mr. Compton's testimony

D.I. 284, Ex 89 at 65:6-66:23; 78, 98:3-13.

² Examples of data that Mr. Barry said were needed, but not available, include: "pricing data from other competitors to evaluate against NovaSure pricing," "complex reimbursement rate data across various coverage providers (i.e., various commercial insurance carriers, Medicare/Medicaid," and the "elasticity of demand impacts on NovaSure volume." D.I. 282, Ex. 52 at 33.

Ex. B, 02/19/16

Compton Tr. 88:10-23.

See, e.g., PTX-

365, PTX-366, PTX-367, PTX-368, PTX-369, PTX-404, PTX-402, PTX-407.

Hologic should be precluded from presenting such evidence and argument at trial. First, price erosion is irrelevant given Hologic's express abandonment of that theory (FED. R. EVID. 402) and the evidence lacks *foundational* relevance given its economic invalidity. FED. R. EVID. 104; *Rolls-Royce PLC v. United Techs. Corp.*, No. 1:10ev457 (LMB/JFA), 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 48984, at *11-13 (E.D. Va. May 4, 2011) (granting *motion in limine* precluding evidence of price erosion given lack of valid economic support) (citing *Crystal Semiconductor Corp. v. Tritech Microelectronics Int'l*, 246 F.3d 1336, 1357 (Fed. Cir. 2001)). Second, such evidence (included testimony that was later rebuked) is misleading and its use at trial will cause juror confusion, delay the proceedings, and prejudice Minerva. FED. R. EVID. 403; *Enova Tech. Corp. v. Initio Corp.*, Case No. 1:10-ev-00004-LPS, D.I. 458 (D. Del. Jan 13, 2013) (excluding price erosion evidence under Rules 402/403 where plaintiff is not seeking, and cannot demonstrate price erosion). Moreover, any anecdotal instance of pricing impacts to NovaSure depends on hearsay from customers whose testimony Hologic chose not to seek. FED. R. EVID. 801.

Finally, to the extent Hologic contends evidence of price erosion is relevant to its request for equitable relief, which is the relief that Hologic is actually seeking on its non-patent claims, the introduction of such issues to the jury will only delay the proceedings and further confuse the jury with issues that can and should be raised separately to the Court. *Sanijet Corp v. Jacuzzi, Inc.*, No. 3:01cv0897-P, 2002 WL 1398456, at *2 (N.D. Tex. Feb 14, 2002).

Respectfully submitted,

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